

**Georgia Board of Massage Therapy  
Investigative Committee Meeting  
Open Session Minutes  
Teleconference  
September 25, 2020 9:00 am**

**Members Present:**

Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Vice Chair

**Staff Present:**

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director

Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

**Attorney General's Office:**

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

**Open Session**

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, September 25, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Pam Nichols and entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigative cases and to conduct investigative interviews as authorized by O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-2(h) and 43-11-47(h).

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Pam Nichols declared the meeting open pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. The Investigative Committee entered a unanimous vote to present the recommendations to the Board as indicated below.

**Discussion Case:**

**Recommendation:**

MT200018

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for hearing or Cease and Desist Order.

MT200056

Close the case and continue investigation under companion case MT200136.

MT200057

Close the case.

MT200058

Refer Respondent 1, 3, 5, and 6 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Close the case against Respondent 5; however, if attempts to reinstate this information is to be considered. Refer Respondent 4 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure or Voluntary Surrender.

MT200065

Close the case.

MT200075

Deny renewal and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure or Voluntary Surrender.

MT200076

Schedule an investigative interview.

MT200082

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Cease and Desist Order.

MT200099

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure or Voluntary Surrender.

MT200100

Close the case, no action.

MT200102

Close the case, no action.

MT200103 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Refer case to the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers.

MT200104 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Cease and Desist Order.

MT200105 Send a certified letter to Respondent regarding violation of Consent Order. Must pay the fine amount in full within 15 days of notice. If the Respondent fails to do so, refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or Consent Order for Suspension of License based on violation of Public Consent Order O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a)(8) and failure to display the license certificate or a photocopy thereof in an appropriate and public manner at each location at which he or she practices O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-14; and an assessment of investigative cost.

MT200107 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Public Consent Order for advertising violations with terms and conditions to include a fine, investigative cost and the removal of all advertising content in violation of the Georgia Massage Therapy Practice Act and unprofessional conduct rules.

MT200108 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension.

MT200110 Schedule an investigative interview.

MT200113 Close the case.

MT200114 Close the case.

MT200120 Close the case.

MT200121 Issue the license and refer a complaint and the application file to FSMTB.

MT200136 Refer Respondent 1 to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Cease and Desist Order, the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers and the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers. Close the case on Respondent 2 with a letter of concern regarding failure to display the license in accordance with the law. Close the case on Respondent 3 and refer to the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers.

MT200139 Close the case.

MT210005 Send correspondence to the Respondent alerting them that the Board is aware that they may be implementing and enforcing ordinances which may not be in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-31. As a result, the Board has voted to forward a copy of the new statutory requirements to increase awareness that the law did change in 2019. Notify the Complainant that they may wish to seek legal counsel for guidance in this matter.

MT210009 Refer to investigations as discussed.

MT210022 Refer to investigations as discussed. Once investigation is complete

present to the Board to consider a referral to North Carolina Board of Massage Therapy.

MT210031

Obtain additional information as discussed, then refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure or Voluntary Surrender based on disciplinary action in another jurisdiction and failure to disclose.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Pam Nichols declared the meeting open pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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| <b>The meeting minutes were prepared by:</b>            | Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst |
| <b>The meeting minutes were reviewed and edited by:</b> | Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director        |
| <b>The meeting minutes were approved on:</b>            | October 9, 2020                              |

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**Board President**

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**Executive Director**